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Mauritania

US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens to **EXERCISE CAUTION** in Mauritania due to COVID-19, crime and terrorism. Consult its website via the link below for any updates to this advisory.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is required, but travelers may obtain the visa upon entering the country.

US Embassy/ Consulate

+(222) 4525-2660; EMER: +(222) 3662-8163; US Embassy Nouakchott, Nouadhibou Road, Avenue Al Quds, Nouakchott, Mauritania

Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

Climate

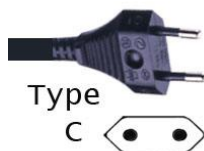
Desert; constantly hot, dry, dusty

Currency (Code)

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Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C



Major Languages

Arabic (national), Pular, Soninke, Wolof (all national languages), French; note: the spoken Arabic in Mauritania differs considerably from the modern standard Arabic used for official written purposes or in the media; the Mauritanian dialect, which incorporates many Berber words, is referred to as Hassaniya

Religions

Muslim 100%

Time Difference

UTC 0 (5 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right

Tourist destinations	Banc d'Arguin National Park; Nouakchott; Ouadane, Chinguetti, Tichitt, & Oualata; Richat Structure in the Sahara Desert
Cultural Practices	When talking about the past, people will often snap their fingers by their shoulders.
Tipping Guidelines	A tip of 12-15% is expected in restaurants if no service charge has been added to the bill. Hotel service staff and drivers welcome small tips.
Telephone Code	222
Local Emergency Phone	Fire: 118; Police: 117

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(AATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](#)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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